

Amendments to the claims:

Claims 1 - 27 have been canceled. New claims 28 - 32 have been added.

Listing of the claims:

Claims 1 - 27 (canceled)

28. (New) A method of using a liquid filter assembly; the method comprising:
- (a) providing a single piece filter head capable of operably receiving, separately, both a spin-on canister filter and a cartridge filter;
 - (i) the spin-on canister filter including a single-use housing holding a non-replaceable filter element; and
 - (ii) the cartridge filter including a re-usable bowl holding a replaceable filter element;
 - (b) operably installing one of the spin-on canister filter and the cartridge filter onto the filter head to provide a filter assembly with an installed filter and leaving an uninstalled filter unconnected to the filter head;
 - (c) after operably installing one of the spin-on canister filter and the cartridge filter onto the filter head to provide a filter assembly with an installed filter, removing the installed filter and then
 - (d) operably installing the uninstalled filter onto the filter head.
29. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein:
- (a) said step of operably installing one of the spin-on canister filter and the cartridge filter onto the filter head includes threadably connecting the filter head to one of the spin-on canister filter and the cartridge filter; and
 - (b) operably installing the uninstalled filter onto the filter head includes threadably connecting the filter head to the uninstalled filter.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29 wherein:
- (a) said step of providing a filter head includes providing equipment including an engine having at least one of a hydraulic system, a lubrication system, and a fuel system; the equipment including the filter head.
31. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein:
- (a) the step of removing the installed filter includes removing the spin-on canister filter from the filter head;
 - (b) the step of operably installing the uninstalled filter onto the filter head includes installing the cartridge filter onto the filter head; and then
 - (c) further comprising a step of removing the replaceable filter element from the re-usable bowl and operably installing a second, new filter element into the re-usable bowl to provide a refurbished cartridge filter; and then
 - (d) operably installing the refurbished cartridge filter onto the filter head.
32. (New) A method according to claim 28 wherein:
- (a) said step of providing a single piece filter head includes providing the filter head being a single, integral piece having a center tube, an outer tube, a first liquid flow port, and a second liquid flow port; the outer tube circumscribing the center tube; the outer tube being defined by a continuous exterior outermost wall;
 - (i) the outer tube defining an end, an outer tube end port at the end, and an outer tube flow passageway extending between and in fluid communication with the first liquid flow port and the outer tube end port;
 - (A) the outer tube further including an outer tube threaded region; and
 - (ii) the center tube defining a center tube flow passageway and a center tube end port; the center tube flow passageway extending between and in fluid communication with the center tube end port and the second liquid flow port;
 - (A) the center tube projecting outwardly from the end of the outer tube;

- the filter head capable of operably receiving, separately, both the spin-on canister filter and the cartridge filter;
- (b) the received filter having a filter threaded region threadably engaged to the outer tube threaded region to define a threaded connection;
 - (i) the threaded connection having a cross-sectional thickness no greater than 10 mm;
 - (ii) the received filter being in liquid flow communication with the outer tube end port and the center tube end port;
 - (c) a first seal arrangement; the first seal arrangement oriented to form a first seal to inhibit leakage between the outer tube flow passageway and the received filter;
and
 - (d) a second seal arrangement; the second seal arrangement oriented to form a second seal to inhibit leakage between the center tube flow passageway and the received filter.

ELECTION

With traverse, Applicants elect Species 1 and Subspecies A. The reasons for the traversal are explained in the remarks. The status of the claims is as follows:

| <u>Claim</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Subspecies</u> |
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| 28 | Generic | Generic |
| 29 | Generic | Generic |
| 30 | Generic | Generic |
| 31 | Generic | Generic |
| 32 | 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 | Generic |